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Queen Regent of Spain Appeals to Queen Victoria.

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GREAT BRITAIN WILL RECOGNIZE CUBA

THE POPE IS URGING SPAIN.

UNDER A FLAG OF TRUCE.

MADRID IS TALKING PEACE.

But the Spanish Proposals are Not in Line Therewith.

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Congress Will Not Delay Cuban Question Longer Than Then.

PRESIDENT IS SO NOTIFIED.

Spain Wants Further Time it Will Make

CONGRESS IS QUITE BEADY TO ACT.

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